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SCIENCE NOTES

University of Northern Iowa Science Updates Planned

The University of Northern Iowa will host four Science Updates this Spring. Educators in the fields of physics, science education, chemistry and earth science will have an opportunity to meet with others from their fields and explore new ideas, activities and materials.

"Physics Update '89" is to be held March 31 (between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) in the UNI Physics Building. Educators will have the opportunity to learn about one of the current frontiers in physics research, the supercollider. The conference will also provide the opportunity to work with materials and programs that can be used in science classes (including laser disks, holographs and optical ray tracing using a spread sheet).

"Science Education Update" is also March 31 (between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.) and will be held in McCollum Science Hall. Geared for science teachers K-8, the conference will focus on inquiry teaching, questioning and the learning cycle coupled with several hands-on sessions. Registration is limited to 60 persons.

"Chemistry Update '89" will be held April 7 (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) in McCollum Science Hall. Interesting experiments with environmentally safe chemicals will be the main part of the conference. In addition, hands-on activities and a discussion on preparing high school students for college chemistry have been planned.

"Earth Science Content Update" is to be April 7 (8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.) in the UNI Museum. Morning activities will include lectures and presentations by representatives from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the KWWL Television meteorological staff. The afternoon will be spent doing hands-on activities designed for classroom use. Registration for this session is also limited to 60 persons.

Persons interested in attending any of the Update sessions should contact Continuing Education and Special Programs, Non-Credit Programs, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0223. All sessions have a \$20 registration fee which includes lunch the day of the conference.

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